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Genealogies of 1st Settlers of Albany

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Gates, John of Haver Maan married Gertruy Van Vranken
mar 21 1779. He d. Sept 9 1825, ae. 75 y^r 10 mo., 6 days;
she d. May 8, 1838, ae 85 y^r
Children

Elizabeth b. July 25, 1781

Joseph b Oct 1782

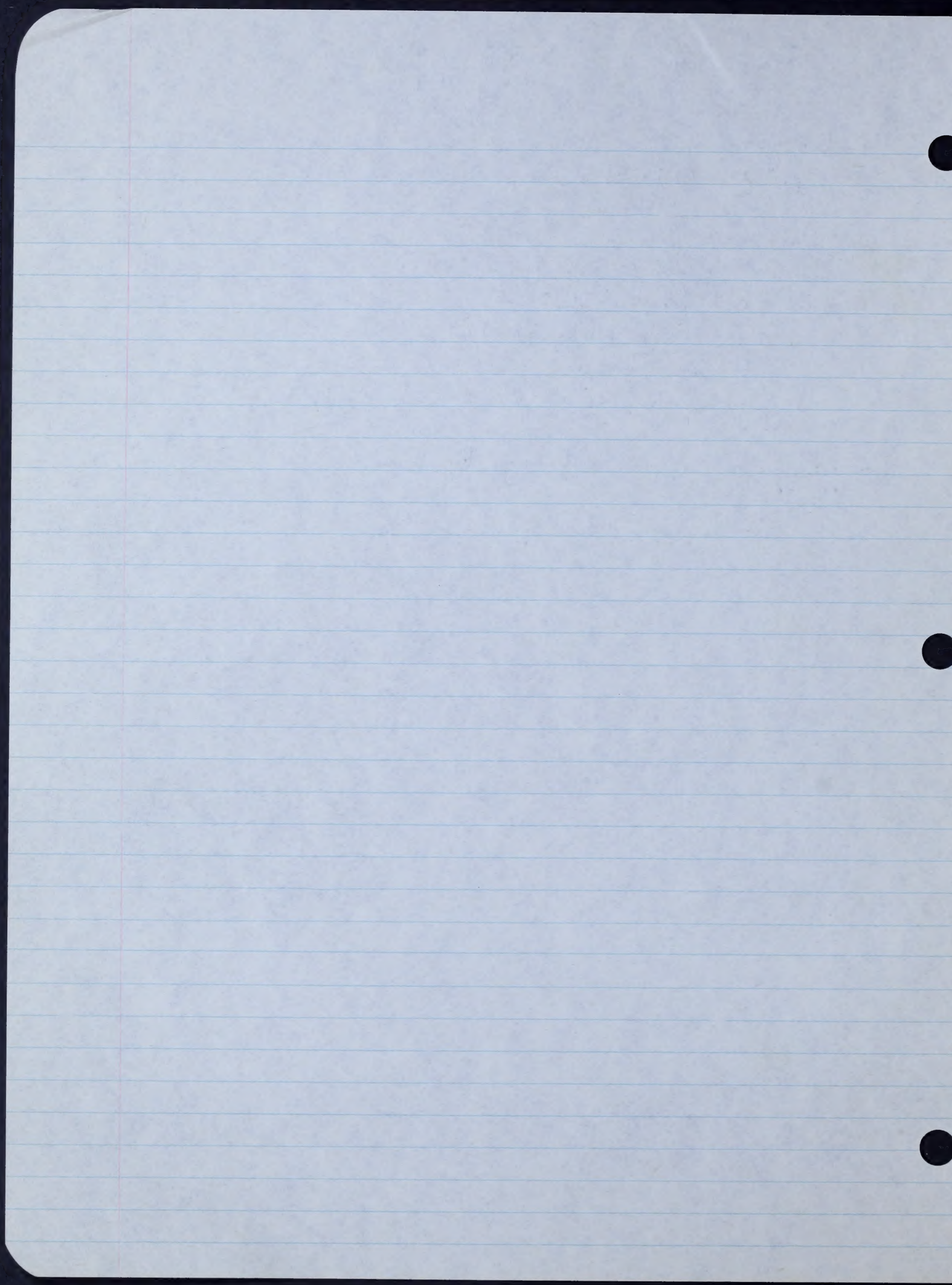
Gerrit b May 28, 1785

Hanna b Jan 26 1787

John, b Oct 31, 1788 + d. Jan 24, 1810

Gates, John and Catherine Van Vranken
Child

Cornelius b. Sept. 23, 1797



I have only one disagreement with the Wemp Genealogy. Otherwise it does credit to this family, except for one error by the American Wemp who compiled the genealogy of the Canadian Branch of the family.

I do not agree with the Barney Wemp chosen as the progenitor of the Canadian Wemps. ^{that} He could ^{have} been the father of the young soldier who married Catharine Gates and who came to Cataragui with Major Ross and the 2nd Batt. K.B.R.N.Y. in August 1783. The elder Barney was born in 1738, while the Barney of the Indian Department was born in 1759, and married Catharine Gates in 1779.

Rachael	bp	Barney & Catharine Wemp	Arch 1d	3 July 1803
Mary	bp	do do	Mar 18th	12 June 1791

James Scott & Catharine Wemp m. Mon. 16th Feb by Nicholas Stewart 1929

He b Oct 15 1787 = 1st Angus Mackay of Glenary County
He is 2nd March 1928 ^{Kerrison} James Scott, b. England & d. Feb 1862 on
Arch 1d. Catharine d. 20 June 1872

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	Page	Male	Male under 16	Female	
Albany County					
Gates Elizah	18	1	2	2	Ballstown Town
Innes	47	2	4	2	Steven Town
Geor	47	2	3	4	do
Jelkins	48	3	4	1	do
John	13	1	2	3	Albany 3rd Ward
Stephen	52	1	3	6	Waterwheel Town

New York City & County					
North Ward					
Leonard	2				5
Out Ward					
Horatio	1	0	2	3	2
West Ward					
Michael	1	0	2		

Ontario County					
Cannadaga Town					
Daniel	2	0	0		
Southampton Town					
Caleb	2	1	3		

Washington County					
Kingsbury Town					
Stephen	2	0	2		
Queensbury Town					
John	2	0	2		
Nathaniel	2	1	4		
Salem Town					
Joshua	1	4	5		
Westfield Town					
Tira	1	1	2		
David	1	2	3		

The Gates Sisters.

There is an interesting story regarding the Gates sisters, Katherine and Maria, who mothered two early Island families, the Wemys and the Hitchins ^{as children} ~~as children~~.

It is said that they were captured by Indians along the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War. In some manner Barney Wemy, a young soldier in the Indian Department, persuaded the captors to release Katherine, whom he later married.

He obtained the release of the younger sister, by mounting a horse and galloping in and grabbing up the little one, even though she was under guard. He galloped to the gates of the fort with a group of Indians in chase. Fortunately the gate opened to allow him and his passenger to reach safety.

Katherine was born in 1761, and her younger sister Maria in 1773. Their parentage is unknown, but it is believed that he was Michael Gates, after whom Katherine ~~was able to~~ named one of her sons. It is noted that a Michael Gates appears in the Census of New York State 1790.

Little is known of the later life of Maria Gates, except that she gave birth to a daughter, Maria, by a man named ~~Atter~~ Nesler. However Maria became the wife of Richard Hitchins, who was born in 1771 in Cornwall, England and emigrated to New York and later, in 1804, married Maria Gates.

Richard, his wife and her daughter eventually came to Amherst Island about 1810, likely to be near her sister, Mrs. Catharine Wemys.

Richard and Maria were parents of

Eliza who married Robert Preston ^{William}

Louise, born 30 March, 1809, married ~~John~~ Howard

John born in 1814. lived and died on the Island. The

first postmaster of Amherst Island.

The Gates history

There is an interesting story regarding the Gates family history and the early history of the settlement. The story is told by the late Mr. Gates, who was born in 1810 and died in 1880. He was a prominent citizen of the settlement and was one of the founders of the settlement. He was a member of the first church and was a member of the first school. He was a member of the first society and was a member of the first association. He was a member of the first committee and was a member of the first board. He was a member of the first council and was a member of the first senate. He was a member of the first congress and was a member of the first parliament. He was a member of the first empire and was a member of the first world. He was a member of the first universe and was a member of the first infinity.

The Gates Sisters

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Maria Hitchens ~~was~~ born 22 May 1773, died in Canada in January 1823. She ~~was buried~~^{died} on Amherst Island and was interred 19 Jan 1823, by Rev. John Stoughton, rector of St. John's Church, Bath. under the chancel of his church.

Richard Hitchens married, second, Mary (Wernip), widow of Duncan McDonald. She was born in 1791 and died 31 Aug 1883. Richard Hitchens died in 1845.

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